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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YAN, et al.

Serial No. 10/032,495

Filed: January 2, 2002

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Li, Qian Janice

Atty. Docket: 967039.00002

For: A Method For Producing A Population Of
Homozygous Stem Cells Having A Pre-Selected
Immunotype And/Or Genotype, Cells Suitable
For Transplant Derived Therefrom, And Materials
And Methods Using Same

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102

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Sir:

Comes now the Applicants, by and through the undersigned attorney/agent, and
petition the Commissioner to make their application special under M.P.E.P. 708.01(C)(II).

In support of the above Petition to Make Special, Applicants confirm that they are
legally classified as a small entity. Additionally, the subject of the patent application is a
major asset of the Applicant. Further, the development of the technology will be
significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed due to
diminishing financial support from outside investors.

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Remarks

The petition fee of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is enclosed herewith. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this petition and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-noted application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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